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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

I'm sure you know – the South Wake ARC holds a nightly net at 7:30 PM on the KQ4RCH 145.21 repeater. There is also a net at noon time as well – the old Geezer and Geezeret net. And yet still – each Wednesday at 8:00PM, there is a DMR net on the TGIF Network, Talk Group 14521.

Ya say “You know all this – tell me something new”.

Not all nets are like the SWARC net – we do social nets. Some are Directed and Net Control directs and controls the net. Some nets pass formatted message traffic. Other nets are for welfare traffic. Some are formal – others informal.

What is all this important?

Because our nets have been long standing nets, you know someone will be there at a pre-determined time. It might be a good time to let others know you're still around. It's a good time to tell others that you need some help with a station problem.

Because we do so many nets each week – it's important that – well – we are there for those who want/need to check in. With that, the



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South Wake Net Controller needs your help. There are times when one of the Controllers needs a night off. So, we are looking for Net Control backups.

The job isn't hard – it's something (if you check in often) you already know the flow. You know each person is gonna talk for a minute or two

(WITH SOME Exceptions 😊). We recently added two net controls to the Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

If you are new to the club, it's a good opportunity to support the club and HAM radio in general. You will learn all the names and callsigns. People will learn about you. If you have been around the club for a while -- it's an opportunity to expand/extend the knowledge you have to others that might benefit.

Please reach out to me – I'm good on QRZ if you want to try it out. I promise I will give you any pointers you might want or need.

Don't forget Club Dues are ... Due. Your dues help with lots of activities within the club. Beginning with the funds paid to the KQ4RCH Danny Hampton Memorial Club for use of the 145.21 repeater. Refer to the **MEMBERSHIP** header found below in the newsletter for instructions on how to become or renew a membership.



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Please remember our fellow hams who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these folks. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Mike, KD4MC, and Kenny, KJ4CVK.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Hope you and the gang are doing well.

I guess all I can say is things are about the same.

I still have to go for blood work every three weeks but will now only be seeing oncology every three months after scans.

If things change, I will have to see oncology before that.

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

Mike, KD4MC, had a hip replacement on Friday, 24 October, so he could use some phone calls to perk him up! However, he's been doing yeoman's work broadcasting about the upcoming JARSfest on 16 November.

de KK4BK



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Notes from KO4ZZFO (Rodney)

Thank you to all of those who volunteered for the NC State Fair. You are making a difference for the Ham community and it shows. Also, thank you for those who have supported the Radio Preparedness Act. This legislation helps us all, even if you do not live in an HOA. Please take the 2 or 3 minutes to fill out the form on the ARRL website. Your support counts! Don't forget that JARSfest is right around the corner, and we need help with the South Wake table. Please consider to help out, even if it is for a short amount of time, to give all of those already working the table time to walk around and enjoy the event. As we come to a close of another year, please think about presentation ideas that you would like to see going forward. We have reoccurring presentations throughout the year, but we would also like to hear about ideas or topics that you may be interested in. There are a lot of topics and new subjects in the Ham world, and while we provide ideas on what to present, nothing compares to having input from the club. If you have something you would like to share or present to the club, we are happy for you to share. Our club is made stronger when you participate.

Lastly, please help out with our Nets. Our Net controllers love to call the Net, but we need more people to step up and assist with being a backup or temporary Net controller when one of us is out for family or medical situations. There are so many Nets out there these days, but



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very few are a daily Net, and if we don't all pitch in, the current Net operators get burned out. Also, thank you to all of our Net controllers. You guys don't hear it enough, and I appreciate you doing what you do. Nothing gets Hams more involved into Ham radio, than running a local Net. It is the one time of day, that you know that another Ham will be on the air and listening. Think about that for a minute. If we have a major disaster, this is the one time of day that Hams in your community are already in the habit of turning the radio ON.

Thank you again for being a part of the club, community, and ham family!
de KO4ZFO

SWARC 1 Oct 2025 Meeting

Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat.

This was a nicely attended meeting, the food and fellowship were great!

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (KK4BK) and wife Janet, Mike (KD4OKR), Diane (KE4VNX), Mike (KD4MC), Steve (WB4SMS), Tom (KC2QVD), David (KQ4ZLK), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Al



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(WA4TCJ), Bill (KK4QDZ), Michael (KD4RFD), Steve (NC4SW), Kevin (N4ANC), Navin (KF4LFW), and Dave (K4MSE).

SWARC 1 Oct 2025 Board Meeting

Information unavailable from Secretary at time of printing and will be included in next month's newsletter

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See remarks on the Board Meeting above.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Unavailable at time of printing due to end of month statement not be immediately available.

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. However, here are the current and future support needs:



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Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526



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NET REPORT

We will no longer be reporting net numbers. **Very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than recorded.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.**

- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
- Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
- Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
- Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
- Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
- Friday evenings - NC4MP
- Saturday evenings – KK4BK
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KM4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA3JJG) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).



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Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net



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GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

Due to formatting issues, I will forward the most recent ARRL News to all members, regardless of your membership in ARRL or not!